

DAVID SEARS HOUSE**42 Beacon Street, Boston**

This elegant town house was begun in 1816 from designs by Alexander Parris and is a notable example of the Adamesque Federal style. It is also an early example of the use of granite in domestic building. Mr. Sears liked it well enough to double its size in 1824. The private Somerset Club, which still owns it, acquired the house in 1875 and added the third floor.